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SUBJECT: SAMHERA Otto, and JAVIERK Ladislav, Suspected
CCN Agents in Salzburg.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

The following information was submitted to this office by PIETAK Karl, born 28 May 1912 in Moscow, Czechoslovakia. He attended elementary and secondary school as well as four years in a Czech commercial academy and two years in a Czech political school in CCN. PIETAK was also a journalist for the "Czech Anti-Bolshevik League" in 1936 and since 1938 has been a member of the Czech right-wing political party. After the Nazi Protectorate was established in Czechoslovakia, PIETAK, who was a Volksschutze, went to Dresden, Germany, where he worked as a journalist and a CCN commercial representative. On 28 April 1948, he came to Kriml, Bezirk Zell-am-See, Land Salzburg, where he is currently residing. He states as follows:

SAMHERA Otto, aged 30, married, has resided at Pfetsch 1/III, Salzburg since the end of the war, nominally as a commercial representative of an unknown firm. According to informant, he is a functional Communist who has been and is in constant contact with members of the Czech Repatriation Missions in Salzburg, Linz, Upper Austria and Vienna. He is allegedly an informant of said missions and a suspected Czech agent. In 1946, SAMHERA went to Czechoslovakia where he served six months in the Czech army and when he returned, he immediately contacted WOLFFER Rudolf, a former member of the CCN Repatriation Mission in the U.S. Zone of Austria, who is currently residing in Vienna. Informant stated that SAMHERA denounced many Czech refugees to the Czech Mission.

In March 1948 SAMHERA admittedly visited WOLFFER in Vienna. SAMHERA reportedly lives on a luxurious level when in Salzburg in spite of the fact that his business is nil. He often indulges in pro-Communist propaganda and appears to be unusually inquisitive about life histories of Czechs and Slovaks living in this area.

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He continues to make many trips to Vienna, allegedly to report to the Czech Secret Intelligence Mission there concerning the Czech refugees whom he has interviewed in Salzburg. His wife has a sister named Barbara Marlene Vogelwidermann, 28, Salzburg, who is reportedly employed by an American air court here as an interpreter. Informants suspect that she furnished SAKURA and JAVOREK with vital U.S. Army information which she obtains during her work. SAKURA is currently in Vienna.

Informant stated that JAVURK Ladislav, age 38, married, has resided at Schwanengasse 8/1, Salzburg for one year and is also employed as a commercial representative of an unclassified firm. When he arrived in Salzburg from USA last year, he immediately contacted SAKHRA and both personalities often visited local DP Camps searching for Czech and Slovak inmates. They usually discussed political matters with these Czech and Slovak refugees and attempted to persuade the DP's to return to Czechoslovakia. Both persons check identity documents and note their contents. They also inquire of the DP's presence of other Czechs and Slovaks living privately in the Land Salzburg area. JAVURK often visits the PO/INO emigration offices where he talks to prospective emigrants. However, he himself has never registered for emigration abroad. He is especially interested in DP's who are attempting to emigrate with false papers and pretends that he himself would like to change his identity. Secord believes that this is simply an attempt on his part to detect escaped Czech and Slovak political refugees. JAVURK possesses an expired Czech passport and recently obtained a temporary Austrian residence permit from the Bundespolizeidirektion, Salzburg.

On 14 April 1948, JATURUK interviewed fifteen Czech escapees using the name above-mentioned methods, and was able to note their identity documents, obtaining all the information therein. This same group of Czech refugees departed for Havana the same day. On about 20 April 1948, JATURUK departed for Vienna, where he is apparently now residing.

Both of Subject personalities, according to Informant, freely travel to Czechoslovakia and the latter pointed out that neither are detained in the GDR by the Committee for Forced Labor or army training which is currently mandatory in that country.

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Informant claims that Subjects travel with Austrian identity documents which are apparently honored by the Russians. Informant also pointed out that these documents can be borrowed for 500 or 600 schillings.

GANTHERA Otto - listed in Salzburg Police files as a salesman, born 28 February 1918 in Frankstadt bei Salzburg, Land Upper Austria. He resides at Flusai 1/XII, Salzburg.

WOLFFER Rudolf, Captain - a well-known Czech Repatriation official mentioned in HQ, GIB, St. Johann Sub-Section, dated 28 January 1946, Ref. No. S-003, Subject: "The Czech Intelligence Service". He is reportedly in charge of GIB intelligence in Land Upper Austria, and has used the GIB Red Cross as a cover for his intelligence activities. He was born on 16 March 1906 in Ploasa, GIB, and currently resides in the Post Hotel, Fischmarkt 24, Vienna 2. From June 1945 until July 1946 he was GIB Vienna office attached to USIA in Salzburg. Additional information is on file in this office.

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